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<b>Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The amendment document filed on 17 March 2009 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- 1. Amendments to the specification:
  - A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - C. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Abstract:
  - A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - B. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Amendments to the drawings:
  - A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  - B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
  - C. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Amendments to the claims:
  - A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims).
  - C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
    - D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
    - E. Other: The claim numbering is not correct. Previously applicant attempted to introduce a new claim 33A, 39A, 49A. Now, it appears as if applicant has made claim 33A claim 34 and previous claim 34 is now claim 35 and so forth. This is not proper. In the last version of the claims there was claims 33-62 were pending. If applicant wants to add a new claim, it must use the next available claim number which is claim 63 and not claim 34. Applicant's amendment is not proper and is not using correct claim numbering. This problem also occurs with claim 52 that is labeled as being a new claim, which it cannot be. Claim 52 was previously pending and cannot be a new claim. Any new claims need to start with claim number 63 and then to claim 64 and then use 65, etc.. The status identifiers for the alleged new claims are not proper because these claims were previously pending. Applicant needs to amend the claims as they were submitted on 2/5/08 and any newly added claims need to start with the number 63 and ensure that the claims have the proper status identifiers. . .
- 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):  
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For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.

#### TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

**Extensions of time** are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

**Failure to timely respond** to this notice will result in:

**Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action; or

**Non-entry** of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental

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